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**Bold & Daring Enterprize**  
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**Primitive Reformed,**  
I N O R D E R  
To Recover their Just Rights, Liberties,  
and Profession of their Religion in the Dutchy of *Savoy*.

In a LETTER written from *Lauzanne* in *Switzerland*, to a  
Person of Honour, *August* 30. 1689.

Licensed, *September* 3d, 1689. J. F.

**T**HE *Waldenses* being weary of living out of their own Country, have once again contriv'd the means of returning thither.

This Affair was manag'd with so much precaution and secrecy, that the laudable *Cantons* were wholly strangers to this Design. And all things being made ready for the execution, every Individual receiv'd Order to Repair on the *Friday*-Morning to the Wood of *Nion*, which is upon the Banks of the Lake, between this City and that of *Geneva*: And all obey'd the Orders: They had each a Musket, a Sabre, a Bayonett, and a Pistol; this was all their Baggage: Being come to the *Rendevouz*, to the number of Two Thousand Five Hundred *Waldenses*, and Five Hundred *French* Refugees, they were distributed into Companies, each of Twenty Five Men, to which were appointed a Captain, a Lieutenant, and Two Serjeants, all Men of Service. Some Days before they had made choice of an Officer of great Experience to Command them; they Swore to obey him, and the other Officers, after which was given to each a Pound of Powder, Lead in proportion, and Bread for Three Days.

That same Day between Eight and Nine a Clock in the Evening, the Weather being very close and duskish, the Army march'd out of the Wood, and went to the Lake, where Twelve Vessels waited to waft it over into *Savoy*. Before they went on Board, *Messieurs Arnaud*, and *Boutrous*, *Waldensian* Ministers, who have never forsaken this People, and who have manag'd and brought this matter to the point it is, caus'd the Army to be drawn up in Battle-array,

array, and having all prostrated themselves on the Earth, Monsieur *Arnaud* made a long and fervent Prayer, which drew Tears from all those of the Assembly: He compared them to the *People of Israel*, upon the Shoar of the *Red Sea*; promising himself from the Goodness of *GOD*, that would bless their Enterprize, since it only tended to his Glory, to the Deliverance of their Ministers, and of their Children that were unjustly detain'd in *Savoy*; and to return unto the Inheritance of their Fore-fathers, that so they might Serve *GOD* in Peace. The Prayer being ended, and the Resolution taken not to do any injury to the *Catholicks*, at least, unless they oppos'd their Passage, they Embark'd about a Thousand Men, which was all the Twelve Vessels could contain. When these had perform'd their passage, which was done in an Hour and halfs time, they return'd to take on Board as many more again; and this was done three times. The Masters of the Vessels who carried them over, report, That they met with none to oppose their Landing; but that in the Morning of the 27th, the Peasants inhabiting about the Lake Toll'd an Allarum Bell, to warn their Neighbours to come in to their Assistance. The *Waldenses* sent to tell them, That they came not to do them any injury, that they only mean'd to pass on; and that if they took any thing of the Inhabitants of the Country, they would faithfully pay for it. This was said in such manner, as that the *Savoyards* gave credit to it, and caus'd the Allarum-Bell to cease. Our Brethren began their March in Battle-array, having a Van guard, and a Rear. It is beyond all expression how much Joy and Resolution they express'd at their departure. If it has pleas'd the Lord to continue them his Assistance, they are by this time, believ'd to be got into their own Country: And if they are there, it is certain that all the Duke of *Savoy's* Forces will not be capable of driving them thence. I know not how his Royal Highness may have entertain'd this News; but do not question it will be very grating to, and disrelisht by the Court of *France*.

On the Day before the departure of those poor People, there was celebrated, throughout the whole State, a Day of Fasting and Prayer, with great Devotion. Just now we understand, that there is forming another Assembly of the *Waldenses* that remain'd in this Country, and that as soon as the Number shall be compleat, it is said, they will follow the rest; unless they are hindered by the *Cantons*.

*Note*, If these poor People succeed in their Design, it may possibly give occasion to an Insurrection of all the *French* Protestants in *Dauphiné*, and *Languedock*, and thus make way for as great Revolutions in *France*, as have happened else-where.

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